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OF EGYPTIANS AND OTHER MODERATE ARABS REPORTEDLY
DIMINISHED

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1. QATARI FOREIGN MINISTRY SENIOR EGYPTIAN ADVISER, WHO ATTENDED ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE AS MEMBER OF GOQ DELEGATION, TOLD ME THAT INFLUENCE OF EGYPTIANS AND OTHER MODERATE ARABS WAS SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHED DURING CONCLAVE. RE RESOLUTION TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN, ADVISER SAID THAT ONLY STRENUOUS EFFORTS BY GOE HAD AVERTED EVEN WORSE RESOLUTION BEING APPROVED.

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ACCORDING ADVISER, "RADICALS", LIBYANS, IRAQIS AND PALESTINIANS,

HAD GIVEN MODERATES AN EXTREMELY HARD TIME, AND HAD SUCCESSFULLY INTIMIDATED DELEGATES WHO MIGHT HAVE TAKEN A MORE REASONABLE VIEW ON SUBJECTS BEFORE CONFERENCE.

2. ADVISER ATTRIBUTED DIMINISHED EGYPTIAN AND OTHER MODERATE ARAB INFLUENCE TO FRUSTRATING DELAYS IN MID EAST PEACE PROCESS. HE SAID AT CONFERENCE GYPTIANS WERE CONSTANTLY UNDER ATTACK FOR PUTTING THEIR RELIANCE ON U.S., SINCE SO FAR THIS HAD PRODUCED MINIMUM RESULTS. ADVISER SAID EGYPTIANS HARD PUT TO ANSWER THEIR CRITICS ON THIS SCORE. ADVISER, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HE HAD NO DIRECT INFORMATION, SAID HE ASSUMED THAT GOE'S NOTICE THAT IT WILL NOT RENEW UNEF MANDATE WAS DRAMATIC EVIDENCE OF PRESENT EGYPTIAN FRUSTRATIONS. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT ANTI-SADAT FORCES IN EGYPT ITSELF WERE FATTENING ON DELAYS IN SETTLEMENT PROCESS.

3. I REPLIED THAT NOTWITHSTANDING PERHAPS UNDERSTANDABLE MOTIVATIONS BEHIND RESOLUTION TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN AND GOE REFUSAL TO RENEW UNEF MANDATE, AS SECRETARY HAD POINTED OUT, THESE ACTIONS COULD NOT BUT FURTHER COMPLICATE PROGRESS TOWARDS SETTLEMENT.

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